



Just in time for homecoming, workmen are shown repainting Northwestern's most visible symbol—the columns from the Bullard Mansion on the old campus quadrangle near Russell Hall and Warren Easton Hall. According to NSU Vice President of University Affairs, John Winston, it has been several years since the columns have been painted and the elements gradually have taken their toll. Winston said that a student recently pointed out to university administrators that the columns could use a little touching up, so he immediately began working on the project. The three columns are all that remains of the original structure which first housed Northwestern back in 1884 when the Louisiana State Legislature created the State Normal School. The Normal Hill area where the columns stand was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1980.

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Dr. Randall J. Webb, President
Northwestern State University

Dear Alumni:

When this year comes to a close, life at Northwestern won't be the same.

Because at the end of this year, the person that symbolizes Northwestern to many people is retiring. After 13 years as Director of Alumni Development, Elise James is retiring. Elise has been an inspiration to people in many ways. She set an example for non-traditional students by coming back to school while raising a family and going on to earn bachelor's and master's degrees. Before working with our alumni full-time, she was a faculty member who touched many lives. She still maintains contact with many of her former students.

It's difficult to adequately sum up in words how much Elise has meant to Northwestern and how much she will be missed. She has done an outstanding job working with our alumni building pride in the university and making sure that our graduates remain connected to the institution. Her unfailing enthusiasm and warmth make our graduates want to be a part of alumni events.

Elise has worked tirelessly to promote NSU around the state and the country. One thing we could always be assured of is that if there was an area with a group of alumni, Elise would be there to bring them together and give them an opportunity to remember their time at Northwestern.

Through this magazine and countless events throughout the year, our alumni keep in contact with old friends and stay up to date on NSU's latest achievements.

Alumni are an important resource for Northwestern. They are living examples of what this institution can do for people. Our alumni support the institution in many ways including financial support and directing the next generation of students to the campus.

Because of all she has done for the university, it was an honor to present her with the first President's Distinguished Service Award at the Homecoming Luncheon. The award will be given annually to recognize individuals who have rendered outstanding and dedicated service to the University, the NSU Alumni Association, or the NSU Foundation.

Even though Elise is "retiring," I know that she and her husband Mack will remain active supporters of the university. I look forward to continuing to work with her as she assumes her new role. Her successor will have big shoes to fill, but an excellent example to follow.



Elise P. James, Director
Alumni Development

Dear Alumni:

I always knew this day would come, but I tried not to think about it. Teaching at Northwestern for thirteen years and serving as your Alumni Director for thirteen years, have given me some of the best years of my life and now I have to say "au revoir."

The teaching profession is so very rewarding. You have the opportunity to mold young people into productive citizens and to offer encouragement and support to them throughout their university years. I tried to do this while teaching in the Business Department and the reward you get from that is when a student comes back and tells you what a difference you have made.

In 1984, when I became the Alumni Director, a whole new world opened for me. To serve as the liaison between the university and its graduates, has been a very gratifying experience. I have visited with former students' and encouraged them to support their Alma Mater and so many have stepped forward to do just that. Words cannot express my feelings about the success we have had in bringing Alumni back to campus or going to their areas to visit and ask for help for the University. Alumni have worked in many areas to help Northwestern, such as recruiting, fund raising, scholarships, promoting Northwestern in many ways, and sending money so that the Association could achieve its goals.

It has been a pleasure to work with each and every one of you. I got to know a lot of you, but some only through the Alumni Columns. Let me assure those of you I only knew through communication that I felt you all were always with us even though you could not visit us on campus. Northwestern is a family. Each and everyone of us have one very big thing in common—we are graduates of the finest school anywhere.

I am retiring December 31, but please know that I will always be available to help when needed.

I am signing off with this last letter to Alumni—thanks for the memories!!!

About the cover: With the \$3 million renovation of Russell Hall complete, the building has again become a center of activity on campus. The building houses the College of Business and NSU's Small Business Development Center. Please see the dedication story on page 4 of this issue.

Elise James takes a moment to reflect on her career at Northwestern

The stories that Northwestern State University's Director of Alumni Affairs Elise James could tell about the last 41 years of her life would not only fill a giant scrapbook, but would turn tears into laughter and vice versa.

They are colorful, hilarious and touching stories; signs of her time at the only place she has ever worked. The place she enrolled at in the fall of 1956. The place she graduated from in 1968 and 1971. The place she will retire from in December of this year.

"I have so many memories," said James. Memories like the time she declared her major in home economics as a freshman. "I just thought since I was married it made sense to major in home economics. What a big mistake. The first dress I sewed fell apart." After that, James changed her major to physical education. "That didn't work out either because in five years, I had five children. I could not participate in my physical education classes because I was either pregnant or out of school having a baby."

After trial and error, James found a major that suited her in business and distributive education.



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But, because her children, the last one born in 1962, were all under the age of five James chose to stay home and raise them before returning to NSU to finish her degree in 1966. "I remember the day I came back to school. I was so nervous. As I was walking up the stairs at the entrance of campus that faced at that time Guardia Hall, I tripped and fell. I ripped my hose. It was frightening because I had to sit in class with torn hose wondering how I was ever going to make it through school." As a non-traditional student, James feared the classwork and the burden of being a wife and mother. "But, my dad's biggest wish was that I finish school and I was determined to do it for him. I managed to with A's and B's."

In the summer of 1968, flanked by her five young children and husband, Mack, James proudly accepted



Elise James always exhibits her "Go NSU" spirit.



Brian O'Reilly, along with his wife, Darcy LeBlanc O'Reilly, watch as Elise James puts a "Future Demon" bib on their 6-month-old daughter, Cailin Clare, during an alumni gathering. James is always working to improve Northwestern's future.

her degree. Upon graduation, she taught briefly at Robeline High School before returning to Northwestern to begin work on her master's degree. "I knew at that point that I had no intentions of ever leaving Northwestern. So, I told my department head Tommy Johnson that I did not want to leave once I finished my graduate assistantship and that he had better find a place for me."

James was right at home when she was hired full time in the summer of 1972 to teach computer science, word processing, communications, typing and management in the College of Business. "Probably the greatest joy about teaching was the students. I was a student-oriented person and always had my door open to them. I taught, in part, because I had had a very poor supervising teacher and I was determined I would be a better teacher than the one I had learned from."

A self-motivator, James did not limit her time to the classroom. She involved herself in campus and community activities such as Future Business Leaders of America, in which she supervised the district meetings and helped start the college chapter of FBLA, Phi Beta Lambda. She served as a charter member of Les Amies Service Organization, having been president of the club at the age of 19, and was a member of the Louisiana Outdoor Drama Association.

Despite her passion for teaching, in 1984 James decided to make a career change. With a small amount of fund raising experience but a huge desire to succeed, James applied for the Director of Alumni Affairs position. "I had been working in the Athletic Department as president of the Booster's Club, with former Athletic Director Tynes Hildebrand and Greg Burke, who

was interning. I had been able to raise quite a bit of money. That experience, plus being from Natchitoches I feel like helped me get the job."

And a big job it was, James says. "I had \$1,900 in the checking account when I started." James knew in order to organize events and ultimately promote NSU she had to have money. She began assembling a solid group of dedicated NSU alumni. She then visited alumni directors around the state to gauge what worked best for them and began attending the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) Workshops. She participated in the Association of Louisiana Alumni Executives (ALAE) club. "I just started developing contacts and started a dues program where married alumnae paid \$25 per year and singles paid \$15 yearly to be a member. That got me started financially. It was simply a matter of building up money and since practically everything I was doing was new, no one knew if it would work or not."

The dues program did work. And so did another initiative designed to increase enrollment begun by then President Robert Alost. "Dr. Alost offered dorm scholarships to students for one year of free housing. I took care of promoting the idea by organizing 30 groups of three to go out and sell this idea in a 16 parish area." Dorms began to fill up and the program continued several years before it disbanded. "By building the enrollment, we built our alumni support."

"I set realistic goals when I began in this position and I can honestly say all but one I achieved. Some of those goals were hard to achieve, but thanks to the assistance of a great staff, and some dear friends of NSU, we achieved them."

Friends and colleagues say she achieved something even greater than a sound financial bed.

"I can't say enough nice things about Elise," said former NSU President Dr. Arnold Kilpatrick. "There is not any doubt in my mind that she has had a profound impact on NSU. She has done an excellent job for the college because she has always put her heart and soul into NSU. We have received more contributions since her time as Alumni Director and to me that is a pretty good indication that she has done an outstanding job."

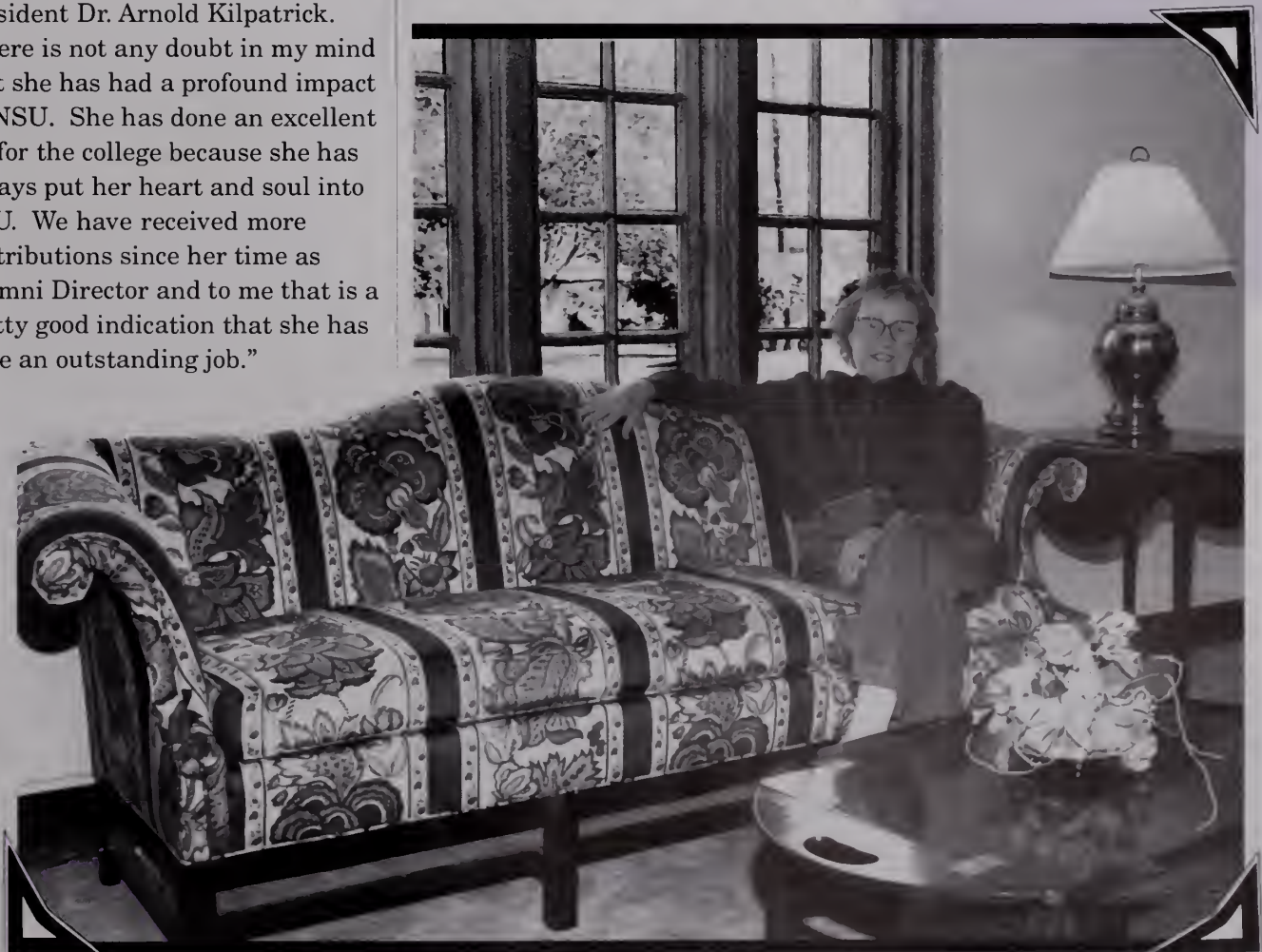
"Elise has always had the university and the alumni foremost in her mind," said Melba Steeg, a Northwestern graduate and a member of the Board of Directors for the NSU Foundation. "She will be very missed mainly because she has such a way with people. Everyone always seems to identify with her."

Loneta Graves, who served as Vice-President of Business Affairs for the university before retiring, says James has been one of the university's most vocal supporters. "Her contributions as Director of Alumni Affairs will be missed by the multitude of past and present students, faculty and staff whose lives she has touched. As those of us who have known and worked with Elise look back on her many accomplishments and the enthusiasm that she brought to her job, we will always view her as part of the heart of Northwestern, just as I know her father, Dr. Will Pierson, looks down on his

daughter's accomplishments with the pride that comes from seeing a child achieve such a high level of success."

James says she always wanted Northwestern to be the very best place it could be. "With that in mind, I set out to make a difference here and I feel like I have. I am going to miss everything about my job terribly. I will miss seeing the people and I will miss seeing the accomplishments. At the same time, I retire very proud of everything I have done."

Elise James is pictured in the alumni center shortly before her official retirement as Director of Alumni Development.





The College of Business moves into renovated Russell Hall



Gov. Murphy J. "Mike" Foster said he was tired of Louisiana being last in so many categories and his work as governor was directed toward improving the state's status. Foster was the keynote speaker at dedication ceremonies for Northwestern State University's newly-renovated Russell Hall. The building houses NSU's College of Business. Foster's visit was his first to NSU as governor.

Among the areas Foster has looked to improve were the state's educational system and business climate.

"Let's face it, college faculty salaries were last in the nation. We had 20 years of deferred maintenance and nobody seemed to care. It (reform) seemed like the obvious thing to do," said Foster.

Foster has pushed to improve and consolidate the state's job training programs and reform the legal system that he said had not been pro-business.

"The way to make people stay in or move to Louisiana is jobs, and you create them by making people want to be in Louisiana," said Foster. "A key ingredient is a prepared work force. The other thing is it doesn't do any good to



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have business here and stay here unless we have the people for the jobs. We have got to find a way to educate people and train the people."

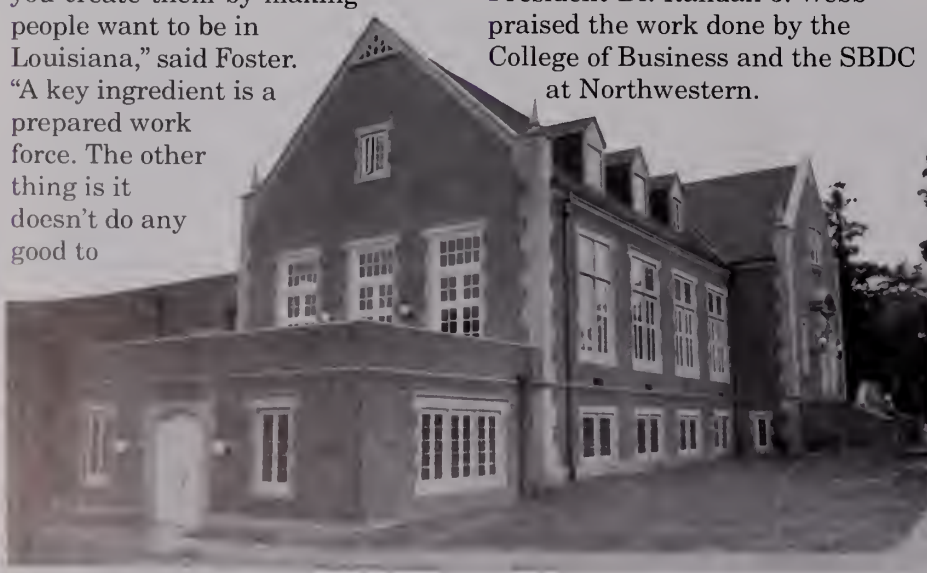
Foster said Russell Hall, the College of Business and the work done by NSU's Small Business Development Center "fits right in" with the plans he has for the state.

In introducing Foster, NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb praised the work done by the College of Business and the SBDC at Northwestern.

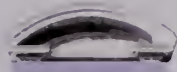
"The College of Business merges excellent academics with economic development which are the focuses of Gov. Foster's administration," said Webb.

According to Webb, spring 1997 seniors scored in the 83rd percentile on average in the latest round of exit exams. Northwestern graduates ranked in the 97th percentile in finance, the 90th percentile in marketing, and the 89th percentile in international issues and quantitative business analysis. Students ranked in the 72nd percentile in management and accounting, the 68th percentile in legal and social environment, and the 66th percentile in economics.

"We seek a program that is not just one of quality but is nationally recognized," said Webb. "We take pride in one another's accomplishments, but we take special pride in the accomplishments of the College of Business."



Northwestern State University's newly-renovated Russell Hall.



Northwestern's president also praised Dean of Business Dr. Barry Smiley and the business faculty for receiving accreditation from the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business, a designation that less than 30 percent of the colleges and universities in this country with undergraduate business programs receive.

Webb added that the Small Business Development Center is

playing a major role in the area's economic development.

"The SBDC counseled more than 650 clients last year and helps create jobs and a more diversified economy," he said.

Russell Hall has undergone a \$3 million renovation project that completely refurbished the building which opened in 1937 and

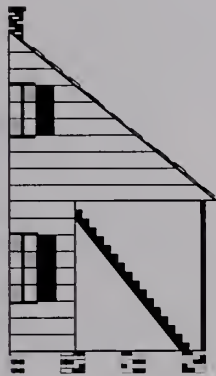
was Northwestern's library for many years.

In addition, Russell Hall also houses the Central Louisiana Distance Learning Center, which was funded with a grant of \$280,500 from the Rapides Foundation in Alexandria and will be used by students in Alexandria, Leesville, Natchitoches and other sites in Central Louisiana.

The Louisiana Creole Heritage Center is formed at Northwestern

The culture of Louisiana Creoles will be promoted and fostered through the Louisiana Creole Heritage Center which has been formed at Northwestern State University. The formation of the Center has been approved by the State Board of Regents and the University of Louisiana Board of Trustees.

The Center will serve as a central clearinghouse and information bank for the 28 identified Creole communities in Louisiana and for those seeking knowledge, understanding and appreciation of Louisiana Creoles and their culture. Other roles for the Creole Heritage Center include serving as an office of support to Louisiana and national Creole communities and organizations and offering advice and assistance on matters that affect Creoles.



"The Louisiana Creole Heritage Center has unlimited possibilities," said Terrell Delphin, president of the St. Augustine Historical Society, who was largely responsible for the Center's creation.

"Northwestern is the place to put the Center because it is isolated enough from Acadiana not to be overridden by the Cajun culture. There are also resources that are available at Northwestern that will help the Center and the students of Northwestern."

"The Creole Heritage Center will serve the needs of the Creole community. We are enthusiastic about this opportunity," said Dr. Kathleen Byrd, head of the Department of Social Science at NSU. "(Professor of Anthropology) Dr. Pete Gregory has worked with the Creole community for a number of years and recently worked on an ethnographic study. We look forward to continuing and strengthening our relationship."

As an initial step in the Center's development, NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb will appoint an advisory council to assist in the development and support of the Center.

Delphin says the Creole Heritage Center will benefit tremendously by being at Northwestern. Delphin pointed to the Center for Acadian and Creole Studies at the University of Southwestern Louisiana and the Chef John Folse Culinary Institute at Nicholls State University as examples of how universities can play a role in preserving and promoting cultures.

"There are great advantages to being associated with an institution of higher learning," said Delphin. "Students and faculty will be available to assist with ethnographic studies and research. The Louisiana Creole Heritage Center in combination with the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, the Cane River Creole National Historical Park and the Cane River Heritage Area will be tremendous resources."



Professor of Finance Dr. Carroll D. Aby Jr. (right) and Associate Professor of Nursing Dr. Wanda Thompson (left) were named as recipients of the Outstanding Teacher Award presented by the Northwestern State University Alumni Association during Homecoming activities. Aby and Thompson are shown with Elise P. James, who was presented with the university's first annual Distinguished Service Award by president Randall J. Webb. James, who will retire in December of this year, has been director of Alumni Development for 13 years and a member of the faculty at Northwestern for 26 years.

Aby has been at Northwestern since 1995 teaching courses in finance and investments, in addition to teaching economics, accounting and marketing. He was previously the Morrison Professor of Applied Business at NSU.

He has 22 years of teaching experience at the graduate level including stints at Northeast Louisiana State College (now Northeast Louisiana University), University of Southern Mississippi, Mississippi State University, Western Carolina University, University of Tennessee at Martin, William Carey College and NSU.

In addition to his academic experience, Aby's executive experience includes serving as Vice President and Investment Officer of Capital Bank & Trust Company and Special Administrative Financial Advisor, Internal Auditor and Budget Analyst for the Louisiana State Department of Education.

He has also worked for the investment firms of Merrill Lynch, A.G. Edwards and Paine Webber. He also heads Aby's Investment Services.

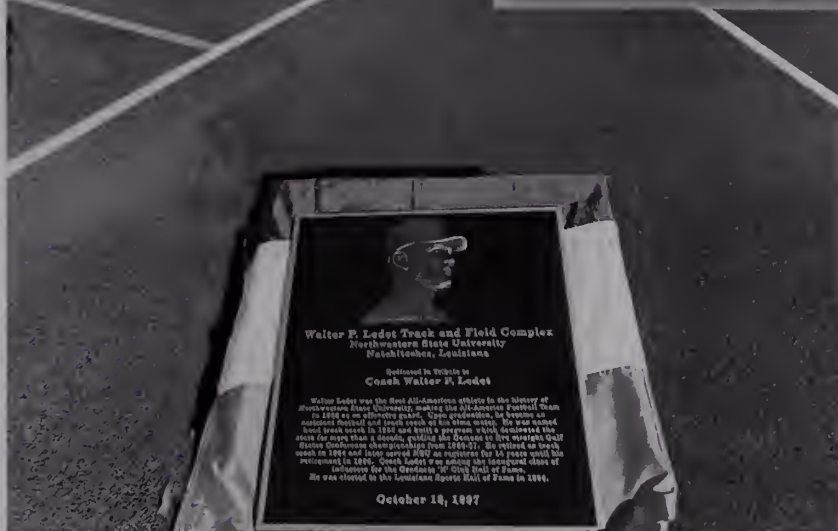
Thompson is a five year faculty member at NSU coordinating the Nurse Practitioner Program, which has grown tremendously since she came on board in 1992. It was during that same year, Thompson retired from the University of Texas at Arlington and two weeks later she was helping to jump start the nurse practitioner program at NSU.

Since 1993, 72 students have graduated from Northwestern's practitioner program.

Thompson received a diploma and State Board Licensure as a registered nurse from the Baroness Erlanger Hospital School of Nursing in Chattanooga. She completed work on her BSN at Texas Christian University, her MSN at Texas Women's University and her doctorate at Nova University in Florida. She is a National Certified Family Nurse Practitioner through ANCC and the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.



Bobby Hebert, the former Saints and Falcons quarterback, had his No. 12 Demon jersey retired at halftime of the October 18th Homecoming game. Hebert joined Pro Football Hall of Famer Jackie Smith and All-Americans Gary Reasons, Joe Delaney and Al Dodd in the group of Demon greats whose numbers have been retired.



Included in the homecoming activity was a ceremony dedicating the Northwestern Track and Field Complex in honor of Walter P. Ledet. The event was held in the Magale Recital Hall. A reception followed in the Orville Hanchey Art Gallery. Dr. Randall J. Webb is pictured above as he acknowledged Ledet's service to the university during halftime of the homecoming football game.



NSU inducted four new members into its Hall of Distinction, the Long Purple Line, during Homecoming activities. The inductees were honored at the annual Alumni Luncheon and recognized at halftime of the NSU-Southwest Texas football game. Shown (from left) are: Edna Tarbutton, Paul "Doc" Marx, Betty Ware (accepting on behalf of the late Judge Richard Ware) and Dr. Doyle Williams. Twenty-one NSU alumni and faculty have been selected for the Long Purple Line.



John Ramsey

Class of 1986



It wasn't a thorough process that John Ramsey went through when enrolling in college. All in a matter of minutes, and only two weeks before most colleges start for the fall semester, he had turned down an offer to attend Vanderbilt, enrolled at Northwestern State University and managed to get one of the last available academic scholarships at NSU. As hasty as it may sound, his decision proved to be a wise one.

"I just decided that I really would prefer a small town and Natchitoches came to mind because I had been on the campus for the Louisiana Association of Student Council camps several times," said Ramsey. "I really liked the campus and the people."

Ramsey says the match fit like hand in glove.

"There were so many professors who made a distinct impression on me for their care and concern of students and that is just what I was looking for in a school. My English teacher Sara Burroughs

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—John Ramsey

was a great teacher who really cared about her students and had fun while instructing. I also recall Bill Brent, DeAnn McCorkle and Tom Whitehead as teachers who interacted well with students while challenging them in the classroom."

It was these professors and others, Ramsey said, that reinforced what a good decision he had made in choosing NSU and to major in journalism. "Northwestern is a special place, where faculty and students interact freely both in and out of the classroom. I like the fact that professors seem to care about their students welfare."

Ramsey also built personal friendships through his social interaction on campus. "I really have fond memories of the State Fair game between us and Louisiana Tech, the Kappa Sigma fraternity functions and serving as editor of The Current Sauce," said Ramsey. "My extracurricular activities have helped me both personally and professionally. I firmly believe that the extracur-

ricular side of the college experience is vital to students and just hitting the books doesn't help make a student very well-rounded."

While in school, Ramsey also served as the InterFraternity Council President and a member of the Blue Key Honor Society. He was a finalist for "Mr. NSU" in 1986, and the recipient of the Presidential Honors Scholarship. A 3.3 GPA student, Ramsey obtained a BA in journalism and a minor in business administration.

Since graduating, Ramsey has held several management positions at the Inter-Continental Hotels Corporation in San Francisco and the Omni Hotels in Dallas and New Orleans. He worked as the director of marketing and public relations for the Louisiana Credit Union League and Affiliates in New Orleans. Most recently, he has held the title of vice-president of corporate relations at the Louisiana Corporate Credit Union in New Orleans where he supervises communications, member services, marketing and external affairs functions for the \$100 million financial institution.

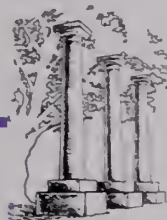
Ramsey feels like one of the true benefits to attending a college that is located in a small town like NSU are the close personal friendships that can be established. "I still

maintain friendships, either personal or via e-mail, with dozens of NSU alumnae."

As a student at Baton Rouge's Broadmoor High School, Ramsey was exposed to Northwestern because of alumnae Kay Roberts who spoke highly of the quality education she received at NSU.

Ramsey says he can say the same. "I feel I received a very good education for a very low price. The NSU journalism degree supplements my MBA from Tulane quite well, and I found myself well-prepared to enter Tulane when compared to students from 'big-name' institutions."

Upon his return visits to NSU, Ramsey says he is amazed each time to see how the number of on-campus residents has grown. "Physically, the campus is in much the same shape and looks surprisingly the same. But, as far as on-campus students, I can really see the difference ten years makes."



'27 Maxine Giroir Tucker taught for 30 years in Louisiana and New Mexico. She lives in Farmington, NM and has four boys.

'30 Irene Lawton Sibley lives in Shreveport, LA. She is the owner and manager of a cotton farm.

'34 Ruth Holland Stout is a retired state employee. She and her husband live in Delhi, LA.

'44 Lurene Roan is retired after 30 years of teaching. She is living in Boyce, LA.

'46 J. Ray Perrin is a retired environmental surveillance superintendent. He and his wife live in Bartow, FL. They have three children.

'47 Marian Cocke Toups is a retired teacher. She and her husband live in Thibodaux, LA. They have three children.

'50 Mary Maxwell Goad is retired. She lives in Dallas, TX. She and her husband have four children.

'54 Nobie Sullivan Makar married John Makar (class of '38). They live in Natchitoches, LA and have one child.

'59 Carolyn Adams Little received a masters degree in Education from NSU in '86. She teaches at Logansport High. She and her husband live in Logansport, LA and have three children.

'59 Shirley Williams Mabry received her MS from NSU in '64. She and her husband live in Alexandria, LA. She has retired from the LA Technical College, Alexandria Branch, where she was office occupations department head.

'59 Virginia Gremillion is retired. She lives in Tucson, AZ.

'60 Beth Sanders Powell is a retired teacher from Caddo Parish School System. She is married to Tommy Powell who received his MEd from NSU in 1966. They live in Shreveport, LA and have three children.

'60 Ellis Coutee married Juanita Martinez Coutee (class of '58). She also received her MS from NSU in '60. They recently opened a general tax practice (Coutee and Coutee Consultants) in Baton Rouge, LA.

'60 Robert Bozeman married Rita Findley Bozeman (class of '61). He is a claims representative for the Social Security Office in Natchitoches, LA. He and his wife have two children.

'61 James Dowden lives in Winter Park, FL. He is vice president of Florida Gas Transmission Co. (Enron). He is married and has two children.

'61 James Williams is retired from General Services Administration as regional inspector general. He lives in Hurst, TX. He and his wife have been married 36 years and have two sons.

'62 J. Michael Moore is a CEO for JM2 Enterprises. He lives in Winnfield, LA.

'63 Leonard Bush is a lab analyst at Chevron Chemical. He lives in Winnie, TX. He is married and has three children.

'65 Linda Jo Ann Smith retired after 29 years of employment with Gulf States Utilities. She lives in Beaumont, TX where she is a volunteer worker raising money for worthwhile causes, especially young people.

'66 Judy McLain Vercher is owner of the Center for Personal Growth. She lives in Montgomery, LA and has four children.

'66 Perry Angle lives in Pittsburg, CA where he works as an account executive at United Dental Care. He is married and has three children.

'67 Rebecca McKillips DiCarlo is an assistant library director and associate professor at Northeast Louisiana University in Monroe, LA. She is married and has one child.

'67 V. Carlene Eddlemon lives in Richmond, KY and has two children. She is an assistant professor at Eastern Kentucky University.

'69 Cheryl Terry Callaway married Joe Callaway Jr. (class of '68). She is a preschool teacher at Southfield School in Shreveport, LA. She and her husband have one child.

'69 Dan Denson married Sharon Livingston Denson (class of '70). He is a health professor at McNeese State University. He and his wife live in Lake Charles, LA and have two children.

'69 George Trotter is self-employed. He and his wife live in Dothan, AL. They have three children.

'69 Jo Ann Lewis Pugh and her husband own an oil field communication company called Datacom in Scott, LA. They live in Lafayette, LA and have three children.

'69 Madeline Lieber Buchanan is a media specialist at W.J. Christian School. She lives with her husband in Birmingham, AL. They have one child.



'70 Cyndee Osborne Ranes is assistant vice president of Americredit. She lives in Arlington, TX and has one child.

'70 Robin Worthington Quinby is a legal nurse consultant. She and her husband live in Miami, FL. They have two children.

'71 Knute Andersson is farm manager for Sea Wind Farms Incorporated. He lives in Sixes, OR and has two children.

'71 Robert Gates is principal of South Crowley Elementary. He and his wife live in Crowley, LA and have three children.

'72 Doris Hebert Westbrook lives in Monroe, LA. She is owner of Computer Edge/Cities Online LA. She and her husband have three children.

'72 H. Sherman Vogel received a second degree from NSU in '82. He married Debbie Pratt Vogel (class of '72). He is a teacher at Cotton Valley High School and Debbie is a registered nurse. They live in Cotton Valley, LA and have two children.

'72 James Thomas married Catherine Comeaux Thomas (class of '72). He is an environmental compliance manager for Pool California Energy Services. Catherine is a librarian at Highland Elementary. They live in Bakersfield, CA and have one child.

'73 Janis McGehee works for Bailey Network Management in Sugarland, TX. She lives in Houston, TX.

'73 Robert Holland married Kay Gibbs Holland (class of '74). Robert is a choral director at Southwood High School and Kay teaches at Oak Park Elementary. They live in Shreveport, LA and have two children.

'74 Marsha Courville Davis received her MSN from NSU in '82. She also has a PhD in counselor education. She and her husband live in Mandeville, LA where she plans to start a private practice.

'75 Julius C. Harris is a supervisor at Exxon Company USA. He and his wife live in Billings, MT. They have two children.

'75 Michael Allain received his MBA from NSU in '76. He is director of sales at Graphic Controls Corporation. He and his wife live in Metairie, LA and have one child.

'75 Susan Scott Bean is a RN-therapist at the Office of Mental Health in Jonesville, LA. She is married and has three children.

'76 Dennis Rogers is a FHA mortgage underwriter with the US Department of Housing & Urban Development in Philadelphia. He and his wife live in Exton, PA. They have three girls.

'76 Rhonda Johnson McNeil is an assistant office manager at Cablevision of Shreveport. She lives in Bossier City, LA.

'76 Richard Karamatic is a convention and event services director for Infomart in Dallas, TX. He and his wife live in Waxahachie, TX and have two children.

'76 Steve Mathies received his MS from NSU in '78. He is a deputy secretary at LA Department of Natural Resources. He and his wife live in New Orleans, LA and have two children.

'76 Vikki Young Hale lives in The Woodlands, TX. She is a homemaker. She is married and has two children.

'77 Ginger Pilkington Goings is a teacher with Sabine Parish Schools. She and her husband live in Robeline, LA and have two children.

'77 Janelle Glover Everson lives in Homewood, AL. She has one child.

'77 Karen Creel Reed is the principal at Oakdale Junior High School in Oakdale, LA. She has two children.

'77 Kerry Hill is a teacher at School District #11. She lives in Colorado Springs, CO and has two children.

'78 Gail Walker Mitchell is unit manager of Community Development for the city of Shreveport, LA. She has one child.

'79 G. Scott Harville married Janice Leatherwood Harville (class of '86). He is vice president at Deposit Guaranty National Bank in Shreveport, LA. He and his wife live in Bossier City, LA and have four children.

'79 Gisele Proby Bryant is an assistant principal for Bossier Parish School Board. She received her MA from NSU in '81. She and her husband live in Shreveport, LA. They have one child.

'79 Michael Mana is a manager of quality for Retail Financial Services at GE Capital. He lives in Macon, GA.

'79 Michael McKee married Donna O'Daniel McKee (class of '79). He is a retired LA State Trooper. He and his wife live in Shreveport, LA and have three children.

'79 Nancy Wilson Darland received her MSN from NSU in '84. She is an associate professor at LA Tech University Division of Nursing. She lives in Ruston, LA and has two children.

'80 Nita Paris is a graduate assistant at the University of Georgia. She lives in Athens, GA.

'81 Chris (Beaver) Soileau lives in Denham Springs, LA. He is the baseball coach at Walker High School. He is married and has two children.

'82 Alfredo Trullenque is owner of No Fault Sports Products. He lives in Baton Rouge, LA.

'82 Angela Dogens Patton is a registered nurse at VAMC in Atlanta. She and her husband live in Stone Mountain, GA.

'82 Kathryn Wooding Williams is a clinical coordinator. She and her husband live in Shreveport, LA. They have one child.

'82 Michael Harbison is a biologist at LA Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. He and his wife live in Ragley, LA. They have two children.

'83 Barbara Darlene Sepulvado is a business department and technology specialist for Sabine Parish School board. She received her MEd from NSU in '97. She and her husband live in Noble, LA and have three children.

'83 Debra Thompson Boudreaux is the program integrity supervisor at Blue Cross Blue Shield. She and her husband live in Baton Rouge, LA. They have one child.

'83 Tantalous Smith is an air defense artillery officer with the US Army APO, AE. He is married and has two children.

'84 Michael Gibson married Lucy LeBlanc Gibson (class of '87). He is a medical doctor at The Birmingham Pain Center. He and his wife live in Birmingham, AL. They have four children.

'85 Brunetta Anthony is a registered nurse at the SRI Staff Relief, Inc. She lives in Houston, TX and has one child.

'85 Lynda Beaird Moore is a emergency service coordinator for Willis-Knighton-Bossier. She lives in Shreveport, LA. She is married and has two children.

'85 Robert Hale lives in Carlisle, PA. He is associate professor of psychology at Shippensburg University. He is married and has two children.



'86 Deatrice Newton Carger is the principal instructor at Oracle Corporation in Houston, TX. She and her husband live in Channelview, TX. They have two children.

'86 Jeffery Shifflett married Pamela Williamson Shifflett (class of '96). He is a computer technician for the Vernon Parish School Board. He and his wife live in Leesville, LA.

'87 Mavis Hullaby is employed with CIGNA Health Care. She is married and lives in Houston, TX.

'88 Ginger Craig received her MED from NSU in '90. She is a P.E. teacher/coach at Martin High School in Coushatta, LA.

'88 Linaclaire Peterson is a hospital homebound teacher for the Sabine Parish School Board. She lives in Many, LA.

'88 Rabon Vercher Jr. is a band director for the Avoyelles Parish School Board. He lives in Marksfield, LA.

'89 Carl Preston lives in Texarkana, TX. He is an information administrator for Texas Department of Transportation. He has one child.

'89 Denise Flores Poleman married Kenneth Poleman who is presently attending NSU. She is a caretaker at Oakland Plantation of Cane River Inc. They have two children.

'89 Melissa Canales Kelly married Keenan Kelly (class of '90). She is a mathematics instructor at Northwestern State University. She and her husband live in Natchitoches, LA. They have one child.

'89 Troy Murray married Rhonda Arthur Murray (class of '90). He is a supervisor for Hood Industries and Rhonda is a pharmacy technician at Bates Pharmacy. They live in Coushatta, LA.

'90 Karen Barrington is director of the Physicians Hospital Organization at Lake Charles Memorial Hospital. She lives in Lake Charles, LA.

'90 Michael McHale is an attorney at McHale Schwartzberg. He lives in Lake Charles, LA.

'90 Rhonda Brooks Goodly is a payroll clerk for Calcasieu Parish School Board. She and her husband live in Lake Charles, LA.

'91 Candace Mastillo Bankovich is an attorney with Leagre Chandler & Millard in Indianapolis, IN. She and her husband live in Noblesville, IN.

'91 Michael Owens married Kathleen Couch Owens (class of '91). He is a business analyst for St. Joseph's Regional Health Center in Hot Springs, AR. He and his wife live in Malvern, AR have two children.

'91 Roxanne Gray Compton is the director of social services at Delmar Gardens of Green Valley Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Henderson, NV. She and her husband live in Las Vegas, NV.

'91 Van Bush married Paula Waltman Bush (class of '91). They live in Clearwater, FL and have two children. He is a branch manager for Norwest Financial.

'91 Wanda Cutley is a case manager for the Exceptional Children's Foundation. She lives in La Habra, CA.

'92 David Clark is an attorney with Scofield, Gerard, Veron, Singletary, and Pohorelsky in Lake Charles, LA. He is married and has one child.

'92 Deborah Caple Wilkins is a manager at Gymboree. She and her husband live in Shreveport, LA.

'92 Elizabeth Gowland Barron is a personnel manager at Chabill's Tire Service. She and her husband live in Morgan City, LA. They have two children.

'92 James Pickett received his MED from NSU in '95. He is a manager at Mississippi Baptist Health Systems. He lives in Ridgeland, MS.

'92 Janna Baxley Batson is a paralegal for Roy and Luneau Attorneys at Law. She and her husband live in Bentley, LA.

'92 Scott Venus is a social worker at Clark-Atlanta University in College Park, GA. He lives in Doraville, GA.

'92 Tammy Clary is a judicial law clerk for the US District Court. She lives in Shreveport, LA.

'92 Thelma Clay Brown is a Captain in the US army stationed in Fort Polk, LA. She has one child.

'93 Celeste Crittle Land married Anthony Land (class of '94). She is the permanent change process representative with the United States Navy in Santa Rita, Guam. They have one child.

'93 Guy Hedrick married Staci Crooks Hedrick (class of '93). He is a dentist in Pineville, LA. They live in Dry Prong, LA.

'93 Jon Terry is operations manager at California Comfort Systems in Concord, CA. He and his wife live in Bay Point, CA. They have two children.

'93 Kevin Tison is the associate minister of music at First Baptist Church in Pasadena, TX. He lives in Deer Park, TX.

'93 LT Lee Erickson is a chief logistics officer in the US Air Force in San Antonio, TX. He married Renee Armour Erickson (class of '94). They have one child.

'93 Marie Hughes Mattox married David Mattox (class of '93). She is a supervisor for Interium on Premise @ NIKE. They live in Memphis, TN and have two children.

'93 Rebecca Davis Saunders is a customer account representative at Bridgestone/Firestone Corporation. She married Jason Saunders (class of '95). He is a mental health associate for the University Medical Center/McFarland Specialty Hospital. They live in Mt. Juliet, TN.

'93 Stephen (Steve) Smith received his MED from NSU in '95 in Sports Administration. He is now a graduate student in occupational therapy at Belmont University in Nashville, TN. He married Tara Tietjen Smith (class of '93).

'94 Aimee Danette Browne is an accounts receivable clerk at Blackhawk Fleet in Davenport, IA. She is married and lives in Lost Nation, IA.

'94 Clark Hyams lives in Zachary, LA. He is a technical representative for Honeywell Measurux in Baton Rouge, LA.

'94 Crystal Kinney Hamilton is a registered nurse at Schumpert Medical Center/Hospice in Shreveport, LA. She is married and has one child.

'94 Sarah Kiely received her MS from NSU in psychology in '97. She is a psychological specialist at the State of Florida-Department of Children & Families in Gainesville, FL. She lives in Lake City, FL.

'94 Scottie Attaway received her MA from NSU in '97. She lives in Houston, TX where she is coordinator of student activities at the University of Houston-Downtown.

'94 Tiffany Spore Callaghan is a registered nurse at Twin Cities Hospital in Niceville, FL. She is married and has two children. She lives in Mary Esther, FL.

'94 William Hogan is a field archaeologist at Human Systems Research in Las Cruces, NM. He lives in Albuquerque, NM.



'95 Allison Heath Sutton married Alan Sutton (class of '95). She is in her last year of the masters degree program in social work at the University of Southern Mississippi. She lives in Summit, MS.

'95 Brian Sajdak is a pilot with Mesaba Airlines in Minneapolis, MN. He lives in Batavia, IL.

'95 Daniel Green is a teacher/coach at DeRidder Jr. High School. He married Z. Kathy Jordan Green (attended NSU). They live in DeRidder, LA and have one child.

'95 David Davault and his wife, Tiffany Palmer Davault (class of '96), are both associate parents for the Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children. They live in Oklahoma City, OK.

'95 Elizabeth DeBusk Caskey is a registered nurse at LSUMC in Shreveport, LA. She is married and has three children. They live in Bossier City, LA.

'95 Gail Nickson Adkins is a law student at the LSU Law Center in Baton Rouge, LA. She is married and has three children.

'95 Helen Marie Wildman is a special education teacher for the Monterey County Office of Education. She and her husband live in Seaside, CA.

'95 Jeffrey Banner is a tool designer at CDI-MTS in Easthampton, MA. He lives in S. Hadley, MA. He has two children.

'95 Louis Normand is a credit manager at Norwest Financial in Lafayette, LA.

'95 Michelle Brown Davison married Gary Davison (class of '94). She is a teacher/volunteer at International Service Corp. of International Mission Board in Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil.

'95 Sarah Harrison Zeagler married Jon Zeagler (class of '93). She is an assistant manager at Norwest Financial in Ellisville, MO. She and her husband live in Wildwood, MO.

'96 Anita Foster Slaughter Remedies is an auditor at the Sabine Parish Sales Tax Commission. She has two children and lives in Florien, LA.

'96 Collette Green lives in Shreveport, LA. She is a registered nurse at Willis T. Davidson Medical Center.

'96 Michael Miller is an environmental specialist at LA Department of Environmental Quality in Lafayette, LA. He lives in Church Point, LA.

'96 Susan Murphy lives in Metairie, LA. She is an assistant librarian at Archbishop Chapelle High School.

'97 Arlene Labarias Velasquez-Colon married Mark Colon (class of '96). She is an office manager at William Stark & Co. She and her husband live in Henderson, NC and have one child.

'97 Catherine Miller lives in Shreveport, LA. She is a registered nurse in pediatrics at Schumpert Medical Center.

'97 Christopher Detiveaux Sr. is an engineer at Baroid Drilling Fluids. He and his wife live in Deer Park, TX. They have one child.

'97 Dale Andrews lives in Lake Charles, LA. He is a staff nurse at Lake Charles Memorial Hospital.

'97 David Seegers is a broiler grower for Seegers Poultry Farms, Inc. He lives in Many, LA. He has one child.

'97 Elizabeth Birch Stuckey and her husband live in Bossier City, LA. She is a registered nurse at Columbia Highland Hospital.

'97 Holly Bryant is an assistant manager for Talbots. She lives in Shreveport, LA.

'97 Jill Brandt is a tour director for Princess Cruises & Tours in Seattle, WA. She lives in Anchorage, AK.

'97 Lori Durand Hawthorne is assistant director of nursing at Mid State Home Health. She lives in Alexandria, LA.

'97 Marcia Lester Chase lives in Trenton, NJ. She is a benefits analyst for ABR/Benefits Services Incorporated. She is married and has three children.

'97 Markus Luder is an operations officer with the Army National Guard at Camp Beauregard. He lives in Alexandria, LA and has one child.

'97 Renee Lirette lives in San Antonio, TX. She is employed with Independent Horizons.

'97 Sandra Savell Cozier is a teacher at Negreet High School. She and her husband live in Florien, LA and have two children.

'97 Sonia Cox Tinsley is an instructor for the Health and Human Performance Department at Northwestern State University. She is married to Jason Tinsley (class of '89). He received his MEd from NSU in '97. They live in Natchitoches, LA.

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'21 Hazel Hewitt Whitney, La Jolla, CA, August 22, 1997.

'35 Loy Camp, DeQuincy, LA, May 12, 1997.

'41 Wilbur R. Kilpatrick, Gloster, LA, July 31, 1997.

'46 Joyce Taylor Fogel, Houston, TX, April 1997.

'48 Robert J. Williamson, Baton Rouge, LA, September 11, 1997.

'49 Harrel C. Haile, Natchitoches, LA, April 3, 1997.

'82 Earnestine Kay Sweeney, Bossier City, LA, February 21, 1997.

'93 Ronald L. Strahan, Conroe, TX, July 5, 1997.

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Northwestern State University Alumnae who graduated 50 or more years ago gathered for their annual 50 Plus Club Reunion on Saturday, Nov. 1. The 50 Plus Club was founded by Marie Harper of Natchitoches and four other graduates many years ago. This year's reunion brought together around 100 people. Lucille Carnahan from Cloutierville and Claudia Durham of Pineville were the oldest graduates in attendance representing the Class of 1928. In all, 19 classes were represented. Two members who attended, Dr. Arnold Kilpatrick and Ed Greco, are members of NSU's Hall of Distinction known as the Long Purple Line. "This is our special group of Northwestern (Normal) graduates that we consider to be so important because they make up the spirit on which we have built what we have today," said Director of Alumni Development Elise James.

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